

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An injector for delivering a foldable IOL into an eye, comprising:
an injector body having a tip comprising a first segment, a second segment and a third segment, the third segment extending to an open end of the injector body, the open end being adapted to permit the IOL to exit the injector into the eye,
at least one slot extending from the open end through the second segment and the third segment, the third segment connected to the second segment at a transition point, the transition point characterized by a change in taper.

14. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 23, wherein the constant outer diameter is about 2.0 to 2.5mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 13, wherein the open end has a slanted face.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 13, wherein the at least one slot comprises at least two slots.

19. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 18, further comprising a lumen extending through the tip, and two lumen grooves extending along the lumen, each of the slots colinearly extending from a corresponding one of the lumen grooves.

20. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 19, further comprising a compressor drawer extending from a loading bay of the injector body, the drawer movable between an open position and a closed position.

21. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 20, wherein the compressor drawer comprises a drawer groove.

22. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 21, wherein the drawer groove is aligned with one of the lumen grooves.

23. (Previously Presented) The injector of claim 13, wherein the third segment has a constant outer diameter.

24. (Withdrawn) A method of injecting a foldable IOL into an eye, comprising:
providing an injector body having a tip comprising (i) a first segment, (ii) a second segment, the second segment extending to an open end of the injector body, the open end being adapted to permit the IOL to exit the injector into the eye, and (iii) at least one slot extending from the open end through the first segment and the second segment, the second segment connected to the first segment at a transition point, the transition point characterized by a discrete change in taper;
inserting the tip into an eye up to the transition point; and
delivering the IOL into the eye while maintaining the tip in the eye up to the transition point.

25. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, wherein the change in taper is a discrete change in taper.

26. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, wherein the first segment is unslotted.

27. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, wherein the first segment has a different taper than the second segment.

28. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 27, wherein the second segment has a constant outer diameter.

29. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, wherein the first segment is configured to compress a lens transported therethrough.

30. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, wherein the second segment has a greater taper than the third segment.

31. (Currently Amended) The injector of claim 13, comprising a second transition point between the first and the second segments, an outer diameter at the second transition point being larger than an outer diameter at the transition point between the third segment and the second segment.